

diligently constructively reduced to practice by filing the provisional patent application on December 16, 1998. Prior conception and diligence having been established, Glatts cannot be used as a reference. Since Glatts is the only reference, all the claims are allowable. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

This Response and Declaration accompanies the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned in Westborough, Massachusetts, (508) 898-1501.

Respectfully submitted,



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